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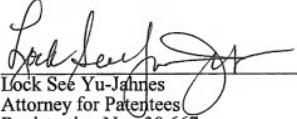
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**COLUMN 8**

Line 19, "Avea<sub>width</sub>" should read --Area<sub>width</sub>--.

Line 20, "Then," should read --¶ Then,--.

**COLUMN 10**

Line 29, "of"(first occurrence) should read --when--.

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